

NCK Homeland Security Region Council

Meeting Minutes for 4/19/06

Representatives in attendance:

Darrell Eastin- Fire Service, Salina

Jon Siemers- Fire Service

Bryan Armstrong- Emergency Management, Saline County

John Hultgren- EMS

Pam Kemp- EMS, Clay County

Richard Chartier- Cloud County

Kenny Bernard- Ellsworth County

Brad Homman- Public Safety Communications, Dickinson County

Sherry Angell- Public Health

Sue Cooper- Hospital

Charles Sellens- Smith County

Ladonna Reinert- Lincoln County

Don Snyder- Jewell County

Dennis Colsden- NCK HS Regional Coordinator

Janice Davidson- Ottawa County

Representatives absent:

Ron Blad- Law Enforcement, Republic Co.

James Hill- Law Enforcement, Salina

Terry Collins- Mitchell County

Shawn O'Leary- Public Works, Salina

Betty Pruter- Osborne County

Raymond Raney- Emergency Management

Others in attendance: Barry Autrey, Rural Planning Specialist, KDHE

A. Welcome - by Mike Spicer, Clay County Commissioner

B. Approval of Feb. minutes

Minutes of the Feb. 22, 06 meeting were emailed out. Motion to approve the minutes made by Darrell Eastin, 2nd made by Jon Siemers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. Introduction and acceptance of new council members

New members were introduced. Dennis has received written appointment letters from Cloud & Ottawa counties.

Discussion on agricultural representation resulted in agreement that Pam would contact Dr. Bill Bryant & ask him to consider being the animal health representative. She would also seek his advice on someone to represent the plant side.

Dennis will contact Ron Blad, & if a replacement is needed, will contact Darrell Wilson with the Sheriff's Association.

Discussion ensued re: the need to look over the membership roster when replacements or new members are appointed to obtain as even a geographic distribution of members as possible.

D. Homeland Security Updates

The FY 2006 HSGP Investment Justifications & the Kansas Enhancement Plan were emailed out yesterday. Most of the group had not had time to review the documents thoroughly & since the Investment Justifications amount has not been approved, no action would be required today. Discussion tabled until later on the agenda.

E. Review By-Laws, discussion

Draft By-laws were reviewed with some discussion & changes made. It was determined that several issues such as: the definition of proxy, voting by email, constitution of official records, excused absences, etc. would be addressed by policies & procedures. Two motions were made during the discussion.

Darrell Eastin made a motion to remove the (2) under Article V, Section 1 prior to the "Members at large appointed by regional council once formed" and to add "the" before regional council. Remove "once formed" and change to "to include:" from the sentence. 2nd made by Charles Sellen. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Darrell Eastin made a motion to strike “present at all meetings” from Article VII, Section 2. 2nd made by Janice Davidson. Discussion resulted in an amendment by Darrell to his original motion to strike “present at all meetings of which notice was properly given.” 2nd made by Janice Davidson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Paper copies of the By-laws with the revisions just made were presented to the Council. Darrell Eastin made a motion to approve the by-laws as presented. 2nd made by Brad Homman. Discussion resulted in an amendment by Darrell to his original motion to approve the by-laws as presented but to include proper grammatical editing, but no editing of language content. 2nd made by Brad Homman. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

F. ICS

Handouts were available on the NIMS training requirements and the Governor’s Executive Order 05-03. Available training methods shared. Discussion re: clarification of training requirements & compliance ensued. A copy of a question and answer re: “Elected officials and the NIMS implementation” from the FAQ on the FEMA website was distributed. Dennis is willing to meet with the County Commissions, if that would be of assistance. Darrell will email Sherry a copy of a legislative bill that the Governor recently signed that may be of assistance & she will forward on to the Council.

G. FY 2006 HSGP Investment Justifications & the Kansas Enhancement Plan overview & discussion

Kansas can reasonably expect to receive considerably less than the \$26 million requested. Final awards are to be announced within 60 days of application. Projects are expected to begin no earlier than 8/1/06 & must fit into the 13 Investment Justifications. The plan will be to integrate the top 5 NCK regional risks identified previously into these 13, including a regional exercise. It remains unclear on how the Council is expected to determine & manage projects. It would seem logical that a regional assessment will need to be done, a baseline obtained & a regional strategic plan developed. Several questions remain on how that will happen & what tools will be used. The State Homeland Security Strategic template may be a good model to use. The State of Colorado has regional groups which have been in existence for some time & may have resources they would be willing to share. Dennis will try to get some issues clarified at the state level & Bryan will contact Don Button re: potential Colorado resources. They will also attempt to obtain each county’s top 5 risks submitted to the state for this region. Functional Discipline Representatives were advised to go back to the region to determine discipline needs to begin putting regional projects together.

H. Priority Initiative Development

Drafting policies & procedures, regional assessment tools & regional projects were identified. The plan will be to set up subcommittees for the development of these initiatives.

I. Additional Business

The next NCK Regional Council meeting will tentatively be set for June 7, from 10am- 2pm in Beloit, Ks. Place to be determined. If the grant awards are not out by then, the meeting will most likely be rescheduled.

J. Adjournment

With no further business appearing a motion to adjourn was made by Pam Kemp & seconded by Bryan Armstrong. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4/25/06

Respectfully submitted,

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